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Aid of Mufti Against Zionist Date of Info: 2-8 November
Activity in Egypt 1952

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Source: A regular source with good contacts in the
entourage of the ex-Grand Mufti.

1. During the week 2- 8 November 1952, "Bikbashi" Yusuf-SHUQRI of Egyptian Army Intelligence twice visited the Helwan headquarters of the ex-Grand Mufti Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI. ~~in Helwan~~. The purpose of ~~the~~ visits was to enlist the aid of the ex-Mufti in Egyptian Government activity against Zionists in Egypt.

It is understood that SHUQRI used the following arguments to win the ex-Grand Mufti's support:

2. Since the beginning of October 1952, a great many Jews have entered Egypt illegally, either directly from Palestine or from the Arab refugee camps. Posing as Arab refugees who have come to Egypt to ask for help, they are really plotting against the government of ~~General~~ *General* MUHAMMAD NAJIB. About 20 October, some Jewish agitators were ~~arrested in Cairo~~ who were planning to instigate serious troubles before the American and British Embassies, and thereby bring discredit on NAJIB's regime, *which was requested in Cairo.*

As a result of SHUQRI's efforts,

3. The Arab Higher Executive has agreed to work with Egyptian Army Intelligence and will instruct its confidants in the refugee camps to watch for any future signs of Zionist activity directed against Egypt.

** Washington Comment: No other reports show that there is any basis in fact for these arguments.*

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